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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : Chief, DD Division, CR

DATE: 19 January 1961

FROM : Chief, IR Division, CR

SUBJECT: Compatibility of IR and ISC Area codes

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1. Some time ago [REDACTED] of the Automation Staff discussed your coders' use of our USSR Locations publication as a guide to coding the geographical area of a document. It appeared that a great deal of time could be saved by having the ISC code appear in the USSR Locations publication as this would eliminate two look-ups for the coders.

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2. On 17 January, Bill and Mary met with [REDACTED] and decided that it would be feasible to create a conversion table and, by matching the IR and ISC IBM decks, prepare a new time-saving coding tool. This same suggestion was made by your [REDACTED] at about the same time.

3. Today [REDACTED] discussed the problem again and decided it would be quicker and more economical to try it with China Locations deck for experimental purposes as it is much smaller.

4. We heartily approve the use of our IBM cards for this purpose. If it proves successful, we will recommend the same procedure for our USSR Locations IBM deck. We can then include the ISC code in the next revision of our USSR Locations publication.

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Endorsement to Chief, IR/CR

This is an excellent example of the progress possible when ideas are co-ordinated. I hope we can do more. I assume you have sent a copy to the AD/CR for his information.

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Chief, DD

*25 Jan 1961* STATINTL

*Copy of memo plus endorsement sent to [REDACTED] this date*  
*Copy passed to Chief of IR*

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